

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS.

Local discount rates were quoted in the extreme at 5 to 7 per cent on call and time loans. The clearings were \$7,446,091, and the balance \$75,893. Domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York, 30c premium bid, 30c premium asked; Chicago, 30c premium bid, 30c premium asked; Cincinnati, 30c discount bid, 30c discount asked; New Orleans, 30c discount bid, 30c discount asked; Louisville, 10c discount bid, 10c discount asked.

The local market for wheat closed higher at 2 1/2c; Jan. 1; 2 1/2c; May; 2 1/2c; July; 2 1/2c; No. 2 red, Corn closed higher at 20 1/2c; Jan. 1; 20 1/2c; May; 20 1/2c; July; 20 1/2c; No. 2 white. Oats closed at 20 1/2c; Jan. 1; 20 1/2c; May; 20 1/2c; July; 20 1/2c; No. 2. The local market for standard pork closed steady at \$15.00 for new. Prime steam lard closed steady at \$15.00 for East Side.

The local cotton market closed steady.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

The Supreme Court quashes the proceedings to deprive the St. Louis Transit Company of its franchises.

Mother M. Ignatius of Mexico is in St. Louis County seeking a speedy settlement of her parents' estate.

Money to buy supplies for the city's elementary institutions is about exhausted, with none left to spend next month.

D. E. Allen files suit for divorce against his wife and son James M. Kelley for \$20,000 damages for alleged alienation of her affections.

Detectives wrecked a safe while raiding a room where they believed books on the races were kept.

About 1,000,000 tobacco tags have been stolen from the factory of the Continental Tobacco Company.

A new structure is to take the place of the present Tower Grove Station for the accommodation of through passenger traffic.

William Horn, a veteran miner, who made a strike in Klondike, is in the city.

The Railroad Committee of the City Council is ready to report the suburban bill.

More than sixty firms will be represented in the manufacturers' excursion.

Disc abductees arrested in Kirkwood are sent to the rock pile.

Eleven police Captains testified in the Horton-Butler election contest.

Stockholders of several corporations elect officers and directors.

James M. Seibert, the newly appointed Excise Commissioner, will take charge of the office to-day.

Mrs. Blinder complained about the marriage of her son, because she thought he was too young to wed.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

Speaker Sherman of the Illinois House is meeting with much trouble in selecting competent material to carry over the State to the best Republican advantage.

Cook County wants all three Congressmen, but it is likely that the State will take one.

James Louise Davis, the little girl of Warren, Ill., who telephoned her prayers to heaven, was called to the other end of the line suddenly while about to ring up central to say her prayers.

The Ohio Society has invited President McKinley to attend a banquet in St. Louis on his Western tour.

Johann L. Hovet yesterday celebrated his hundred and first birthday at Quincy, Ill., yesterday.

State Attorney Deneen says that Chicago is the most wicked city in the world and produces statistics to bear out his statement.

Mutinous Creek Indians abuse peaceful Indians and declare they will run their affairs to suit themselves regardless of the wishes of the Federal Government. Trouble is feared.

FOREIGN.

Queen Victoria is expected to live till Thursday morning unless new symptoms develop.

The Queen's last sickness is held to be largely due to the events in South Africa, which destroyed her peace of mind and caused her great mental anguish.

Philippine Commission finally caused to prohibit religious instruction in the public schools.

Empress Frederick of Germany, Victoria's eldest daughter, is critically ill.

Emperor William of Germany is one of the watchers by the bedside of England's dying Queen, his grandmother.

SPORTING.

Summer racing of horses over a speedy field at six furlongs over a good track, in 1:14 flat yesterday. Andes, the well-backed favorite, could never get up.

Four favorites landed at Tanforan, despite the muddy condition of the track.

E. B. McGrew of St. Louis defeated Albert B. Lambert, golf champion of France, in a golf match at the Fair Grounds.

Rockwell beat Hutchings by a score of 13 to 11 in last night's billiard game.

RAILROADS.

Plans are said to be completed for the absorption of the Omaha line by the Northwestern.

C. P. Hoffman, private secretary of President Roosevelt, is the Mobile and Ohio, died at Mobile, Ala.

A conference of transcontinental passenger representatives will be held in New York on Friday.

Representatives of the Eastern trunk lines and Central Passenger Association will meet to fix rates for the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo.

G. M. Hohl has been made superintendent of terminals of the Hannibal and St. Joseph.

President B. L. Winchell of the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis talks of all the consolidation of the Mobile and Ohio, died at Mobile, Ala.

The Erie will use safety paper in the future for all passenger tickets.

A protest has been filed against the issue of bonds by the Central Pacific.

To Cure Headache in 10 Minutes. Take Parker's Headache Powder. They are safe and sure. All druggists. Price 10c.

Marine Intelligence. Liverpool, Jan. 21.—Arrived: Belsenland, from Philadelphia.

New York, Jan. 21.—Arrived: Rotterdam, from Philadelphia.

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HER MAJESTY'S LAST IMPORTANT CEREMONY.

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DUKE OF NEWCASTLE AND LORD LYONS, THEN BRITISH AMBASSADOR AT WASHINGTON.

He made a trip through the leading cities of the East and then visited the various Canadian cities, coming to St. Louis directly from Canada. He arrived here on the evening of September 25 from Alton, and was met by a large number of people.

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